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CLAIMS

1 - Support fabric of the type provided with pockets for accommodating, in particular, stiffening means, **characterized in that** it comprises two woven layers (A-B) which are joined by stitch bonding and, during production, are separated from one another in areas so that they are not joined whereby defining one or more profiled pockets (C) and being able to accommodate one or more of the means that are inserted after production, **and in that** said pocket(s) is/are incorporated inside the body of the support fabric, each pocket having an opening (10a) for inserting one of the means (11).

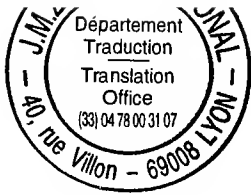
2 - Support fabric as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** said means (11) inserted into the fabric are stiffeners of the stay type.

3 - Support fabric as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** said means inserted into the fabric have a therapeutic and/or comfort function.

4 - Method for producing support fabric, **characterized in that** it involves producing two woven layers (A-B) that are superimposed and joined by bonding stitches (10b) in order to form unitary parts of the support fabric then, in a predetermined cycle, separating said layers a given distance apart and then moving them together again and rejoining them in order to successively make one or more profiled pockets (C) for subsequently inserting and accommodating external means (11), **and in that**, during production of the support fabric, said pocket(s) is/are partially closed leaving an insertion opening (10a) for fitting said above-mentioned means.

5 - Production method as claimed in claim 4, **characterized in that** selvages are established, one being closed over the entire length of the support fabric and the other being partially closed apart from in the area of the pockets in order to allow insertion of said means into said pockets.





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6 - Production method as claimed in claim 4, **characterized in that** the openings (10a) of the pockets open out over the width of the support fabric.

5                    7 - Use of the support fabric as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3 or obtained by using the method as claimed in any of claims 4 to 6 for producing medical belts for lumbar support.

10                   8 - Use of the support fabric as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3 or obtained by using the method as claimed in any of claims 4 to 6 for producing post-surgery or abdominal belts.

15                   9 - Use of the support fabric as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3 or obtained by using the method as claimed in any of claims 4 to 6 for producing orthoses.

20                   10 - Use of the support fabric as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3 or obtained by using the method as claimed in any of claims 4 to 6 for producing strapping.

